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RE: Tailing, pond expansion review Escalante Silver Mine Iron County, Utah ACT/021/004 Folder No. 3

Dear Mark:

Thank you for informing the Division of the changes to take place on the tailings dam. We have reviewed the information presented and have found it to be satisfactory.

It is understood from my phone conversation with you that topsoil will be removed from the borrow areas which exhibits the proper analytic samples for construction of the dam. And, after construction is complete the topsoil will be returned and the area revegetated. If there are any changes please let us know.

We request that you notify us as to the size and locations selected for the borrow areas prior to construction and describe how runoff and sediment will be controlled from the areas.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DARBY

RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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